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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 15.48.100, 15.48.105, 15.48.110, 15.48.145, 15.48.210, AND 15.48.245 OF TITLE 15 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO WEIGHT LIMITATIONS ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON PORTIONS OF DON JULIAN ROAD, FIFTH AVENUE, FOURTH AVENUE, LOMITAS AVENUE, PROCTOR AVENUE, AND THIRD AVENUE, IN THE BASSETT COMMUNITY OF THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE COUNTY, AND ESTABLISHING A 14,000 POUND WEIGHT LIMITATION ON ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES ON THESE ROADS, AS WELL AS ON A PORTION OF WORKMAN MILL ROAD IN THIS AREA
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve the enclosed Ordinance for introduction.
3. Instruct the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to post appropriate signs along the applicable portions of Don Julian Road, Fifth Avenue, Fourth Avenue, Lomitas Avenue, Proctor Avenue, Third Avenue, and Workman Mill Road in order to reasonably apprise the public as to the nature and extent of the weight limitation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Residents and property owners in the Bassett community have asked for a vehicle weight limit restriction on streets in their neighborhood. The enclosed Ordinance, once adopted, will implement such a vehicle weight limit restriction on streets located in this community. These restrictions will address the quality of life concerns expressed by these residents and property owners.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations are consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence, as implementation of these actions will address and accommodate concerns of residents and motorists.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget to cover the minor costs of removing and installing the necessary signs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 35701 of the California Vehicle Code provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

"(a) Any . . . county for a residence district, may, by ordinance, prohibit the use of a street. . . by any vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight limit, except with respect to any vehicle which is subject to Sections 1031 to 1036, inclusive, of the Public Utilities Code . . .

(b) The ordinance shall not be effective until appropriate signs are erected indicating either the streets affected by the ordinance or the streets not affected, as the local authority determines will best serve to give notice of the ordinance."

Section 515 of the Vehicle Code defines a "residence district" as follows: "That portion of a highway and the property contiguous thereto, other than a business district, (a) upon one side of which highway, within a distance of a quarter of a mile, the contiguous property fronting thereon is occupied by 13 or more separate dwelling houses or business structures, or (b) upon both sides of which highway, collectively, within a distance of a quarter of a mile, the contiguous property fronting thereon is occupied by 16 or more separate dwelling houses or business structures. A residence district may be longer than one-quarter of a mile if the above ratio of separate dwelling

houses or business structures to the length of the highway exists." The Department of Public Works has conducted a field inspection and other research regarding the land uses along the streets which are the subject of the enclosed Ordinance. Based on this information, Public Works has determined that the areas which are the subject of the enclosed Ordinance are residence districts, in accordance with the criteria established in Section 515 of the Vehicle Code.

It is not practical to only sign the portion of Workman Mill Road from Don Julian Road to Valley Boulevard, which meets the definition of a residence district, since Don Julian Road cannot serve as an alternate route for trucks to avoid the restriction. Therefore, signs will be posted advising motorists of the prohibition on Workman Mill Road from Crossroads Parkway to Valley Boulevard.

Workman Mill Road, under Condition No. 39 of the Athens Services Truck Management Plan Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Case No. 97-060-(1), has been designated as a truck restricted route. This was a condition established due to an extensive community outreach effort.

It is our expectation, as a result of the enclosed Ordinance, that trucks in this area will use Seventh Avenue, State Route 60, and the I-605 Freeway as their routes. Condition No. 56 of the aforementioned CUP established a noise mitigation area along the boundaries of Seventh Avenue. Property owners within the noise mitigation area are provided with financial assistance to install walls and other noise mitigation features within their homes. Caltrans is responsible for noise mitigation of traffic on State Route 60 and the I-605 Freeway.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The establishment of these traffic regulations, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (the State CEQA Guidelines) and under Class I-(x)7 of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines approved by your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

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CONCLUSION

At such time as these recommendations are adopted, please return one copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel